REQUEST CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Filing Date	December 29, 1999	#13
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114			
a. Previously submitted			
i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on			
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on PECEIVED			
iii. L_l Other	Peply Brief previously filed on RECEIVED		
b. Enclosedi. Amendment/Reply	JAN 2 2 2004		
ii Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	JAN & & Loon		
iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	Technology Center 2ର୍ପ		
iv. U Other	100		
2. Miscellaneous	,		
Suspension of action on the above-identified applica a period of months. (Period of suspension shall)	ation is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)		
b Other			
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.			
a. 🛮 The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to			
Deposit Account No. <u>08-0750</u> .			
i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)			
iii. Other Any deficiency for a fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17.			
b. Check in the amount of \$ 1,190.00 enclosed (RCE fee of \$770 plus 2 month extension of time fee of \$420)			
c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)			
SIGNATURÉ OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Name (Print /Type) John F. Gurtin/	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 37,602		
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